BCCC To Begin First Annual Fund Drive in Mid-October

Beaufort County citizens will be asked to make an investment in their community this month when the Beaufort County Community College Foundation conducts its first annual community fund drive October 12-16.

College President James P. Blanton said, "This is an opportunity for Beaufort County citizens to take part in an event of great importance to BCCC and the area it serves."

An overall goal of $40,000, to be met through donations and pledges by October 16, has been set for the campaign, according to BCCC President James P. Blanton. Blanton feels that foundation members have established a realistic goal for the drive. Over $9,000 was raised this past April when 124 members of the faculty, staff, and administration at BCCC made their pledges to the foundation.

Fund Drive Co-Chairpersons Luther Davis and Margaret Hackney said the success of the campaign will depend upon personal contact with individuals and businesses by teams. Four teams, each consisting of several foundation board members, will work in Beaufort County during that week. A list of prospective donors is being drawn up.

The money raised during the five-day event will be used to improve the quality of services at BCCC that are not financed through traditional county and state sources. Blanton said there are a variety of ways the tax-deductible gifts will benefit the college, students, and citizens of the region. Among these are student scholarships, library books, instructional equipment, professional development for faculty, and a number of cultural activities.

Tax supported money covers only the basic operation of the institution. According to Blanton, "Certain equipment needed for instruction in our classrooms is expensive, and monies are simply not available for these purchases."

The BCCC Foundation was chartered in 1984 as a non-profit organization to receive tax deductible contributions. The initial eight member board was expanded to twenty-four in 1986 to broaden representation throughout Beaufort County. Dr. Charles Boyette is Foundation Chairman, and John Wilkinson is Vice-Chairman.

Pictured from left to right are BCCC President James Blanton, Luther Davis, and Margaret Hackney.